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Docket No. 240316US0X CONT  
IN RE APPLICATION OF: Michele BORTONE et al.  
SERIAL NO: 10/627,764  
FILED: July 28, 2003  
FOR: ELASTOMERIC COMPOSITION USEFUL AS TIRE TREADS

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Transmitted herewith is an **Amendment with attachment** in the above-identified application.

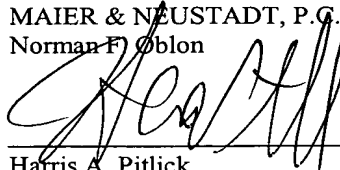
- ☒ No additional fee is required
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- ☒ Additional documents filed herewith: Attachment: Copy of *Ex parte Humber*, 217 USPQ 265 (Bd. Pat. App. & Inter. 1981)

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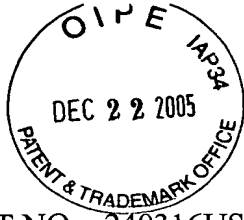
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Responsive to the Office Action dated September 29, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Discussion of the Amendment** begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.